



# **SAN ANTONIO POLICE**

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## **NEWS RELEASE** ***Officer-Involved Shooting***

This morning at 8:56 a.m. San Antonio Police Officers responded to a burglary call at 208 Dirschell. Taken in the burglary was a Toyota 4-Runner. San Antonio Police Officer Jeremy Swindells, a 7-year veteran, was dispatched and arrived at 9:03 a.m. While the officer was taking the report, the victim saw his stolen vehicle drive by. The officer pursued the vehicle and in the 9600 block of Sugarloaf Dr., the suspects crashed the vehicle. Two suspects jumped out of the vehicle and Officer Swindells pursued them on foot. The officer apprehended one suspect while the other suspect continued to flee.

While handcuffing one of the suspects in a backyard in the 9600 block of Sturgis, the suspect grabbed Officer Swindells expandable ASP baton and began to beat Officer Swindell with the baton. While being assaulted, and in fear of his life, Officer Swindells fired from his service weapon and ultimately struck the suspect, killing him. As this was occurring, the second suspect, who suddenly appeared over the fence, began to fire from his own handgun at Officer Swindells. Officer Swindells was struck in the left leg by the suspect's gunfire, but was able to crawl for cover. As Officer Swindells crawled for cover, he was able to return fire towards the second suspect, subsequently striking that suspect in his torso. After the second suspect was hit by Officer Swindells' gunfire, he fled on foot and approximately 20 minutes later was caught by responding officers.

Officer Swindells was transported to Wilford Hall Hospital in good condition. The second suspect was transported to University Hospital in critical condition.

The identity of the suspects will be released once formal charges are filed and next-of-kin notified.

The San Antonio Police Department's Shooting Team is handling the investigation and will submit their findings to Chief William P. McManus and the Bexar County District Attorney's Office. As per policy, Officer Swindells will be placed on Administrative Duty while the investigation continues.

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